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#### **OUR MUNITIONS PREPAREDNESS**

It was a mere coincidence but of physical torpor, prodigious import nevertheless that ships deeply laden with shells, powder and other explosives. In the whole week ending with last Saturday the exports from New York proportion was munitions.

In this ocean ferrying of supplies from our factories to the battlefields of Europe it necessarily must happen that as the great fleet of carriers fall. And as those ships are putting meager. out again, filled from lower hold to be that last week capped the climax of our deliveries of powder and shot to the allies; but the steadily de- done the right thing in agreeing that veloped capacity of munition factories which could load so many ships of necessity cross the international in our ports as fast as they arrived border in pursuit of bandits. Mexico is of vastly greater significance than indicated its willingness to grant could ever be expressed in the mere dollar and cents value of such trade.

otherwise in generations. It is a on American soil; but it is perfectly make our powder, shot, and shell in tant that they possess the right. a sufficient quantity for the requirements of a great war.

#### **HOCH DER FREE IRELAND!**

It is good and beautiful and inspiring to note the splendid campaign that the "Fatherland" is making for a free Ireland after the war shall end. The "Fatherland" dearly loves Ireland, or at least those American Irish who represent the anti-British prejudice of a generation and two generations ago, and have been in nowise reconstructed on modern lines. "Hail to the Irish republic," shouted the "Fatherland," in ecstasy unalterable opposition to England; which so edified the "Fatherland" that it indulges this marvelous ediorial comment:

Germany cannot be regarded as pro-Irish, but the freedom of the seas can be guaranteed only by the freedom of Ireland.

Precisely what the "Fatherland" means by that is not any clearer than Missouri mud, but we guess it must be so; anyhow the "Fatherland's" followers will be glad to believe it without bothering to consider what it may mean. As to the statement that "Germany cannot be regarded as pro-Irish," it is possible to grasp the intention; with 250,000 Irish troops in the war, and with Irish ofthe British service, it can reason-

of Belgium, of Alsace-Lorraine, of rine. Poland, of Serbia. But Ireland must Undoubtedly the Silius was not tion."

#### THE FUTURE OF THE TROPICS

that he "expressed the belief that action of the submarine was conthe present century would witness cerned. 'regions." Anybody with a very little armed merchantmen amounts to— to mention 60,000 word hypothetical Roosevelt doubtless said a good deal armed, ships of an enemy and ships more, for few men have had the op- of a friend. portunity to do more for carrying ics than has been his lot.

men emancipated from certain ener- defenseless noncombatants would vating indulgences that are injur- have put in the plea that he believed ious especially in the tropics, will the ship he torpedoed was armed, marvel at the records which will though it might not have had a re- ing, all one has to do to be a Mex. show that mankind had to emigrate volver aboard, believed it was under war correspondent is to be a jouraway from the richest parts of the orders to attack the submarine, beearth in order to get a fair start lieved an attack was being made a millionaire, and a clam. toward civilization. The very ease upon the submarine. of life in the tropics was bad for the There never was a more dangerous race until it had established intellec- proposal before the United States air, but you have to dig to catch a tual interests that insured a reason-

time when mental activity shall have to refrain from striking back. become so natural, so ingrained, that it will counteract the tendency to

So far as concerns the merely while the German and the French bodily dread of the tropics, by reason artillery in France was hurling shots of special diseases native to those incessantly last week by the thou- regions, the danger is already past. The average public health in Panams sands of tons an hour, cargoes of was about, if not quite, the lowest in ammunition were going to the allies the world a generation ago; now it from our harbors in veritable fleets. is higher than in American cities and In a single day there sailed from the far higher than in our rural districts. port of New York alone nine large Manila, Havana, the Straits Settlement and many other tropic or subtropic communities have demonstrated this same possibility of makday the exports from New York ing the tropics not only safely habit-were more than \$50,000,000; and of that huge sum by far the greater dence, With their superabundant productiveness, the tropic regions need only to be subdued and brought under control to make them sustain a new and splendid civilization and a population so vast that the possisteams westward to take in such car-bilities of the temperate zones in goes of munitions our exports must this regard will one day seem

## The Washington Government has

Mexican armed forces may in case the permission provided the United States should make it reciprocal; and Through supplying the needs of Washington has promptly responded belligerents on the other side of the in the only way that could fairly be Atlantic, in truth we have reached expected to satisfy Mexican sensisuch a stage of preparedness in bilities. It is altogether improbable capacity to turn out the weapons of that under this mutual arrangement war that we might not have attained a single Mexican soldier will set foot sure thing that if we should have to possible that conditions might arise go to war we should be able now to in which it would be highly impor

Supplementing the courteous assurance to Mexico on this point, the President has issued renewed assurance that Mexican sovereignty will not be endangered in any wise by American operations in Mexico. Rather, it is explained by Secretary Lansing in behalf of the President, what is now being done is deliberately intended to preclude the possibility of intervention."

Only time and experience will show to what extent the two governments will be able to co-operate in ended. It is a great industrial and a the campaign for extermination of bandits. Mexico has come at length trict of Columbia. to its great opportunity to rehabili-Irish race conference in a large New tate itself. If the Mexican people York hotel. The conference declared will accept American assurances in the spirit in which they are given, and if the Carranza government will not be much delay in finishing the does for Washington task. Probably it will require what it fails to do. months to complete the eradication that there will be no general mis-

#### UNARMED NEUTRAL SHIPS, TOO States may copy.

ficers numerous, out of all decent with which Congress has been deal- careful analysis of many sections of proportion, in the higher ranks of ing with the question of American the bill, and for his sponsorship of ably be imagined that "Germany can- a startling demonstration of the fift it. Likewise Congressman Mann of not be regarded as pro-Irish." Not that armed ships and unarmed ships, Illinois who is fairly busy with na-The "Fatherland's" concern for a belligerent ships carrying neutral able defense of one of the most imfree Ireland is touching. It is so citizens or neutral ships carrying portant features of the measure, that busy freeing Ireland that it hasn't neutral citizens, all look alike providing that records may, at the time to worry about the restoration through the periscope of a subma-discretion of the judge, be withheld

and shall be free; whether it has armed. Beyond question she was The revised bill, as presented yessense enough to want freedom or neutral. She was flying the Nor- terday by Congressman Tinkham of zens aboard. But she was torpedoed. District Committee, went through She was torpedoed without warning. with its essential parts untouched, It would be interesting to know If the American citizens were not and bids fair to be passed at the more than the meager press reports killed their escape is not to the credit present session. When a session of have brought us, of what Colonel of the submarine. The undersea Congress can give to the District Roosevelt said in his Port of Spain craft offered them no chance for such an intelligent and progressive speech about the tropics in the their lives. They might have been model law as this, it helps to atone twentieth century. We are assured wiped out of existence, so far as the for many shortcomings.

increasing prosperity in the tropical That's what all this talk about cravats worn by attorneys, but fails understanding of what modern sani- just one more excuse wanted for let- questions, 60,000 continuances, and tary and medical knowledge has ting submarines run amuck against 60,000 "I objects." done for particular parts of the anything and everything, ships that tropics, could have said that. Colonel are armed and ships that are un-

Under the new Berlin doctrine, if temperate-zone methods to the trop- this country had been mad enough to accept it, every submarine com-Probably the time will come when mander guilty of an atrocity against

The Washington Times able concern for its improvement and tions which have been put out of the development. Those interests are way in the Senate and in the House. now insured, and they are the guar- There never was a proposal that antee that man may dare return to more gravely threatened to do the his native abode in the sunny climes, very thing the proposers wished to in confidence that his manifold needs avoid—to plunge this country into will keep him busy at reasonably war-because, with fewer and fewer useful occupations. Living there will restraints upon the submarines, their be easier; it will have to be; and misdeeds and crimes would multiply there will be more time for thinking, until it would be impossible for any It is just a matter of waiting for the nation with a vestige of self-respect

#### THE UNDERLYING MEANING

Down to the hour of 3:45 a. m. on Sunday, March 5, the street railways of Washington have conducted their operations on the theory that the employers were the absolute dic- Needy."

dum of the first agreement for adjustment of the strike, a new view became dominant. This view was attested by the assent of the companies to confer, to mediate, if necessary to arbitrate, their differences with their men. It recognized a community, a partnership, a mutuality of interest and of right in determination of these questions that had not theretofore been conceded.

Recognition in this regard was granted, in that first memorandum, to make the memorandum, and the make at this session of Congress.

Yould Serv Old Was Vessels For the situation, article with similar reviews of the situation. The present conditions are deplorable. It would seem a waste of money to repair or remodel the present plant. Meantime, it is sadly overcrowded, increasing unnecessarily the suffering of patients sent to the hospital. The District Commissioners and the Board of Charities have for years united in a request to Congress for an appropriation for a new municipal hospital. An estimate for this purpose is now before the House Committee on Appropriations, and it is greatly to be hoped that the appropriation will be made at this session of Congress.

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deck, our exports must rise. It may THE AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO granted, in that first memorandum, igency. But one week later, in the signature of the final agreement under which the strike was definitely settled and differences adjusted, there was a crystallization of this new policy into permanence. It was and it seems to me almost heartrending then that the companies not only granted substantial demands of the men, but they agreed in future to deal with the men, in organized ca- If they could be implanted and impacity, through grievance committees; to recognize the men in this organized capacity. They did not, indeed, formally recognize the union, but they did accept the fact that the men shall hereafter constitute a community in interest, to deal and be dealt with as a unity.

Violation of the letter or spirit of such an agreement, once it has been established, is not to be expected from either side. Nowadays the precedents, the models, the examples, are all too common; the public assumes such working arrangements to be logical, even an obvious feature of the properly adjusted relations between employer and employe. The old master-and-servant rule, placing all power, responsibility, and authority on the one side, is very great social gain for the Dis-

#### THE JUVENILE COURT BILL

well as simple gratitude, if District His heroic deeds in battle, his undying demonstrate effective purpose of citizens were always as anxious to love for his country and countrymen. cleaning up the sountry, there will express praise for what Congress his fervent desires to serve his native

For its careful, intelligent, and of all outlawry; but the assurance earnest debate about the provisions of real co-operation will make the of the Juvenile Court bill yesterday outcome certain and ought to insure the Capital owes the House much thanks. The bill was important, not understanding on the part of the only because it seeks to reorganize Mexican people. The business will the Juvenile Court here, but because be an affair of policing rather than it embodies the results of a year's study by experts and purports to be a model juvenile court law which the

Especial thanks are due Congress-After all the turmoil and passion man Warren Gard of Ohio for his citizens on armed ships, we now have amendments which helped to perfect belligerent ships and neutral ships, tional matters, paused to make an from "indiscriminate public inspec-

wegian flag. She had American citi- Massachusetts and indorsed by the

Judge Taft objects to 60,000 H. P.

Once more the name Columbus may go ringing down through the ages in the discovery of a new na-

Having exchanged our scraps of paper with the Mexican government, we will now initiate the scrap of

Under the War Department rulnalist, a football player, a horseman,

Congress than the warning reselu- Mex. bandit in his own bailiwick.

## MAIL BAG

(From The Times' Readers) Communications to the Mail Bag must be written on one side of the paper only; must not exceed 200 words in length, and must be signed with name and address of sender. The publication of letters in The Times' Mail Bag dees not mean the indorsement by The Times of the opinions of the writer. The Mail Bag is an open forum, where the dittern of Washington can argue most questions.

Monday Evening Club Lauds Times for Article on Hospital.

the Editor of THE TIMES: Permit us to thank you for the full page article which appeared in The Washington Times on Sunday, March 12, entitled, "Occoquan a Paradise Compared With Refuge of City's HI and

tators of all policies, methods, and rights. They were everything, their employes were nothing, so far as concerned the right to determine conditions of employment and operation.

At that hour, when the street railway officers signed the memorandum of the first agreement for advantage of the strike a new view.

Would Save Old War Vessels For Useful Purposes, Not Sell Them For Junk.

o the Editor of THE TIMES: I have read lately that some of our old war vesesis are to be sold for junk, that there should be such a waste, when they might be used for many years, with very little reconstruction. as they were used on the high bedded in a cement excavation in some suitable location along our coast and used for defense or for beacon lights. A fund for this purpose might be raised among school children, who would gladly contribute, thus promoting patriotism and furthering preparedness.

land with both the the humanitarian heart he possesses the great good he did Cuba and the Cubans during his administration, all this undoubtedly accounts for his everncreasing popularity.

Ex-President Jose Miguel Gomez is "the man of the hour" in Cuba today. He heads the Liberal party. Former President Gomez's followers and advisers (the Liberals) are also men of great intellectual attainments.

Washington, March 11. Trades Council On Record Against

Borland Rider. to the Editor of THE TIMES Through the columns of your paper the Washington Building Trades Coun-cil desires to go on record as being op-posed to the one-hour increase on Gov-

ernment employes, proposed by the Bor-S. D. ZEA, Secretary. Washington, March 11.

An Open Letter To the Rev. D. H. Martin.

To The Rev. D. H. Martin, D. D. I note in the newspaper reports of your sermon of last Sunday that you condemn as "another assault on the sacredness of the Lord's Day" the proposal that public school buildings be made available, as other public buildings are available, for the common assembling of the recepie during the free daily at the Belasco throughout this time of Sunday afternoon. ngs are available, for the common as-

That condemnation might be answer ed by quoting the Savior's reply to those who similarly condemned certain actions, in themselves proper and right, because they were done on the Sabbath, "The Sabbath was made for man."

Or it might be answered by citing the authority of another clergyman no less conscientious than himself, "Whoever would close upon any prefer whether conscientious than himself, ""Mhoever would close, upon any pretext whatever, the people's school buildings at any time that the people wish to meet in them, that man is an enemy not only to the ideals of democracy, but to the ideals of Christianity for to close the common schoolhouse is to keep the people apart and to keep the people apart is to breed misunderstanding and to prevent the growth of peace on earth and good will among men."

among men."

But rather than quote authorities or argue the fitness of our redeeming one or two hours of the Sabbath from what the Rev. Dr. Van Schaick has called the Rev. Dr. Van Schaick has called "the tearing apart of a narrow sectarianism"—I give you that ancient and commonsense answer—"Come and see."
In the name of the Grover Cleveland Commonity Forum. I urge you to attend the meeting in the Public Library next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
To me it is an inspiration, not only to hetter citizenship, but to a broader, truer, more worthy Christianity.

A. J. DRISCCLL,

Zearick Death Accidental. A coroner's jury has returned a verdict of death due to accident in the case of Frank Yearick, an ironworker. Yearick was employed on the new In-terior Department building, from the first floor of which he fell Saturday.

#### Second Corps Dinner.

The twenty-fourth annual dinner of the Second Army Corps of Civil War Veterans will be given tonight at the New 7Ebbitt Hotel. There will be musi-cal program and addresses.

# New Operetta Opens at National; Poli Players Present "On Trial"

"Princess Tra-La-La" Produced BERNARD CONVULSES By Andreas Dippel Wins First-Nighters.

MUSIC PROVES DELIGHTFUL

Phyllis Partington, in the Title Role, and George Baldwin Score.

DRINCESS TRA-LA-LA," three-act Viennese operetta, was presented last night at gratulated on the choice of his cast, while to the composer of the music, Leo making the audience completely forget

Eighteen musical numbers given during the course of the three acts include several airs of exceptional grace and melody, offset by more "jingly" numbers remarkable for their tunefulness. Supporting these numbers, which, by the way, actually had an excuse for being interpolated, was a simple The fact that the whole series of com-

ing events is not thrown at the audireally excellent music is given. Act 1 successfully presents and agree-Emmy Nicklass. This young woman, Emmy Nicklass. This young woman, together with George Baldwin, who, in the play, is her friend, counselor, and music teacher, Niki, destined to fail in love with the Princess Tra-La-La, provides a large part of the comedy of the peace. As Molly, Miss Nicklass is quite reserved and charming in the lirst part of the first act, but as the play progresses she gradually throws her reserve to the winds, keeps on her charm, and adds to it a fund of energy

bedded in a cement excavation in some suitable location along our coast and used for defense or for beacon lights. A fund for this purpose might be raised among school children, who would gladly contribute, thus promoting patriotism and furthering preparedness.

Berwyn, Md., March II.

Appreciation of Times' Publication of Jubilee Activities.

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

At the regular meeting of the directors of the Young Women's Christian Association a resolution was passed expressing the appreciation of the board for the space given by The Times to the various Association activities during our jubilee month just closed, and I am authorized to express to you the grateful thanks of the board for the space given by The Times to the various Association activities during our jubilee month just closed, and I am authorized to express to you the grateful thanks of the board for the courtelest thus extended.

ELEANOR LANSING,

Corresponding Secretary.

Washington March II.

Says Gomez Will Be Cuba's Next

President.

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

Who will be Cuba's next President?

A broad-minded, keen-witted, farsighted man, endowed with remarkable intellectual faculties, gifted with an unusual power of making himself agreeable. Such is ex-President Jose Miguel Gomez, He has had a most wonderful military history and political career. His heroic deeds in battle, his undying

#### BELASCO.

side, at sea, and on flat, level plains are shown in a vivid fashion in "Germany at War," the war photoplays that are being presented at the Belasco this week. These films have been made either directly by the German who provides many laughs in the season's offering of this Dailey as the foreman of the jury.

The changes from the court room to the scenes concerning which testimony was being offered, were managed with the smallest possible interruption to the action of the play. made either directly by the German man, who provides many laughs in general staff or under its direction, to preserve for the historical records of the German empire a complete history of the military schievements of its

the German empire a complete history of the military achievements of its people.

The films were secured by the Fatherland Magazine, and are being shown throughout the United States under its auspices. They go far beyond most of the war pictures that have been seen here in the actual battle scenes that are photographed. In the matter of a clever dancing number, while Coleman Alma Bell have a clever dancing number, while Coleman Alma Bell have a clever dancing number, while Coleman Alma Bell have a clever dancing number, while Coleman Alma Bell have a clever dancing number, while Coleman Alma Bell have a clever dancing number, while Coleman Alma Bell have a clever dancing number of Irish songs pleasingly. The chorus is the war pictures that have been seen that here in the actual battle scenes that are photographed. In the matter of pictures of aerial warfare the pictures take first place because of the wide variety and the actual battle pictures that are shown. The destruction of a Zeppelin and an aeroplane form part of the features. Leppelin and the features.

the features.

'The manner in which the German army has been trained and the action of German troops in France, Belgium, Russia, Poland, Galicia, and of the Turkish troops at the Dardanelles also figure in the pictures. The battle scenes are more numerous than have been seen in films presented here before this and the methods of trench fighting, charging over barbed wire entanglements and meeting the various obstacles that have been devised are accurately depicted.

The films are being shown four times

#### GARDEN.

The name of "Honor's Altar" is about

the only feature of the Triangle's leading photoplay of the Garden program this week which does not represent an extraordinary achievement in motion picture presentation. The acting of Bessie Barriscale, Lewis Stone, and Walter Edwards represents the best there is in the art of the picture drama today, and the story of the play offers them opportunities the director encouraged with the production he gave them.

In spite of the name, "Honor's Altar" comes very near to being the best photoplay the Triangle company has produced, and a justification for its existence, even if it had not done quite a lot of very interesting things heretofore. The story is that of a man who thinks his wife has not climbed with him to the heights of financial and social success, although she has really been one of the biggest factors of his progress. of the biggest factors of his progress. He hires a man to make love to her. Her loyalty awakens the apark of decency in the hireling, and instead of broking up the home he 'makes it his business to send the husband back to his wife. Bessie Barriscale has the part of the wife, Walter Edwards plays the husband, and Lewis Stone is the intruder. The play will be repeated today. The secondary feature is Ford Sterling in a typical Keystone police force comedy, "His Pride and His shame."

Tomorrow and Thursday Henry B.

husband, and Lewis Stone is the intruder. The play will be repeated to-day. The secondary feature is Ford Sterling in a typical Keystone police force comedy. "His Pride and His shame."

Tomorrow and Thursday Henry B. Walthall and Edna Mayo will be seen in the fourth episode of The Times serial story. "The Strange Case of Mary Page." with Miriam Nesbitt and Mary Page." with Miriam Nesbitt and Saturday Willie Collier will be the star in "Better Late Than Never," and Richard Buhler will be presented in the V. S. L. E. release, "Gods of Pate."

Wilson's Re-election Is

Predicted By Marshall

Vice President Marshall yesterday predicted the re-election of President Wilson will be re-elected and Indiana will go for him strong."

Marshall said. "Being a loyal Hoosler, I hope Fairbanks is nominated by the Republican convention. It will be a great honor even to be defeated—as he will be,"

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Mrs. Carey, mother of Carey's thirteen children, brought suit for \$50,000 against Mrs. Toler. Many tender love missives from the widow to Carey will son by an overwhelming vote.

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# PATRONS OF KEITH'S

Mrs. Themas Whiffen, Another Stage Favorite, and Many Other Features Presented.

In a class by himself as a manipulator and strangler of the English language, Sam Bernard, the German comedian, is this week convulsing the natthe National Theater. An-dreas Dippel, the producer, is to be conrons of Keith's with his side-splitting thing politically and socially without

There are several stars of the va-Ascher, is due much of the credit for riety of the Bernard type, but none that can juggle language up to the Pernard mark. In response to the demand for an encore, he recited the poetle gem he used many years ago. entitled "The Face on the Barroom

Mrs. Thomas Whiffen, another favorite of the stage for many years, being now seventy years old, with a capable company of players, is presenting a charming human interest playlet, en-titled 'The Golden Night." The sketch, as the title would show, tells of a dear old couple celebrating their golden wedmay account for the case with which ding anniversary when their grandthe piece is mentally assimilated. Am- daughter appears, having returned to ple opportunity to focus the attention them following a "spat" with her young

Of course, all is amicably settled b fore the fall of the curtain, all of the soubrette, Molly Dominik, played by trouble being the result of a misunderstanding

comedy, and sings a delightful reper-toire of songs, including "Yo San," from "Madam Butterfly," Val Harris and Jack Manjon appear in the musical offering of "Uncle Jerry at the Opera," and offer several songs new to local patrons of vaudeville. Ruby Myers and Thomas Patricola have a singing and dancing number, "The Girl and the Dancing Fool," which is all the name suggests, the dancing end of the title having an original touch to his

Frank and Addie Brighton offer their original novelty creation, "Artistic Rag-pickers." From a heap of miscellaneous rags they put together some remarkable

rags they put together some remarkable pictures.

One of the surprises of the delightful program was a canine comedy, "The Territorials Quartered," which presents a company of trained dogs who do everything except speak the lines of the play, which is based on incidents of the war.

The news pictorial aside from the usual war displays, shows many of the most important news events of the past week.

## GAYETY.

Hastings' big show, which opened a

Fighting in the air, on the mountain proval of this season's offering of this

man and Miss Bauer render a number of Irish songs pleasingly. The chorus is up to the Gayety standard, and the show is mounted elaborately.

The "Land of Champagne," the closing scene of the first act, disclosed a striking scene in which the charus appeared in abbreviated costumes. The song hits included "I'll Follow You." "Glory of the Pale Moonlight," and "I Love Them All."

#### LOEW'S COLUMBIA.

The presentation of a series of filmable opportunities for a very pretty and satisfactory actress forms the principal feature of "For the Defense," the Hector Turnbull drama in which Fannie Ward appears as star under the Lasky management at Loew's Columbia Theater the first part of this week. The photoplay was directed by Frank Reicher, and Miss Ward appears in

practically every scene.

A timely feature of the program is the Burton Holmes travelogue dealing with the midshipmen at Annapolis. The with the midshipmen at Annapolis. The pictures are supposed to show a complete day's work of the midshipmen, beginning with middles at mealtime and showing them at work and at play, marching to the classrooms, boat drill, etc. Although it has no connection with the Annapolis section, the same film shows the method of teaching army and the statement of the statement of the section of the same film shows the method of teaching army and the statement of the statement of the section of the statement of the statemen

with the Annapolis section, the same film shows the method of teaching army aviators to fly at the aviation school near San Diego.

Some of the machines that are shown in this picture, it is understood, will be used by the Pershing expedition into Mexico and the methods of teaching the flyers to manage their machines are made interesting on that account. The program also includes a Gilbert silhoute picture on the evils of the drink habit in comedy form.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Constance Collier will be seen in the second of her film starring vehicles, "The Code of Marcie Grey." The story deals with a problem of high finance and modern society.

# Wilson's Re-election Is

Heart-Gripping Drama Ably Presented By Stock Company This Week.

AUDIENCE

Little Helen Hayes Brown Displays Versatility in Role of

If three hours of gripping, heart-twisting drama is any measure of the ex-cellence of a modern play, Elmer Reizenstein has won the right to be hailed master playwright. "On Trial," presented by the Poli Players last night not only tells a story in an unusual way, but enlists the detective powers of each person in the audience in

awarding the final verdict. At first thought, the very foundations of dramatic technique seem to be violated by the manner of presentation. vincing, a dramatist would scarcely dare to begin the action of a play with a courtroom scene several months after

a murder has been committed. Reizenstein, beginning at this point, takes each act back still further than its predecessor, presenting incidents that have already occurred. has been done so skilfully that the spectator automatically begins to do detective work of his own, and is hugely satisfied as each puzzling bit of evi-dence is explained.

Dual Demand on Characters. Such a story must needs make a dual iemand upon the principal characters. in fact, the defendant, his wife and

child play practically double roles, each distinct in concention and treatment. In the case of the defendant there was the picture of the haggard, broken man in the courtroom, contrasted with the gay, almost irresponsible young husiness trip. 'The wife's double role covers a greater lapse of time, and the

change in an instant to the girl whose story she is relating.

To the role of Etrickland, the defendant, A. H. Van Buren had evidently given much careful study. Through the majority of the courtroom scenes he is silent, with the exception of a cry when his daughter is brought to testify, and a few brief replies at the end of the trial. Nevertheless, the prisoner nervously gripping the table was a definite characterization. The scene with his little daughter in his own home was appealingly done, with no suggestion of the revelation that was to change his life so soon.

Miss Florence Rittenhouse also contrasting pictures of the self-sacrificing

trasting pictures of the self-sacrificing mother and the seventeen-year-old girl at the inn. The quick changes of mood demanded almost more of her than of Mr. Van Buren.

Miss Helen Hayes Brown was an excellent Doris. She too, had ample opportunity to show her ability as an emotional actress, and was quick at bridging the transition from the happy little girl who had just been promoted, to the heartbroken youngster demanding her mother. Others in the cast were Ben Taggart,

as the murdered man; Miss Blanche Friderict, as his wife; John Kline, as week's engagement yesterday at the district attorney: Eurène Desmond, as the secretary; Cecil Bowser, as the physician; Howard Lang, as the deproval of this season's offering of this

#### STRAND.

If Douglas Fairbanks keeps up the ance set for him in "His Picture in the Papers," the Strand's leading feature this week, he will make Mack Sennet comedians jealous of the achievements of the fine arts section of the Tri-angle photoplay productions. "His Picture in the Papers" inspires a wonder in the audience as each scene

progresses as to just what form of punishment will be meted out to the star next. Fairbanks is made to do all sorts of acrobatic tricks with an aged automobile, to perform gymnastics as morning exercises, to knock out a cham-nion in the prise rink to jump from a automobile, to perform gymnastics as morning exercises, to knock out a champion in the prize ring, to jump from a steamship at sea and swim ashore in his pajamas when the weather is so cold that overcoats are comfortable for the people who watch him from the beach.

The piece is a rip-roaring comedy in

The beach.

The piece is a rip-roaring comedy in every particular and besides proving Mr. Fairbanks to be in the pink of physical condition and quite able to cope with any adventure laid out for him, it is one of the most amusing photoplays that has been seen here. The second feature, both being repeated today, is Mack Swain in "His Auto Ruination," a Keystone farce.

Tomorrow and Thursday Hamilton Revelle will be seen in "The Price of Malice," and Rosse Melville is to be presented in another "Sis Hopkins" photoplay. Friday and Saturday Dorothy Gish and George Fawcett are the stars in "Betty of Greystone," with Mabel Normand and Roscoe Arbuckle in "Bright Lights," as the second feature.

#### **WIFE WINS \$12,500** ALIENATION VERDICT

Veglthy Mrs. Toler To Pay For Winning Affection of Carey.

NEW YORK, March 13.-Mrs. John Watts De Peyster Toler, widow of the descendant of Gen. Abraham Peyster, alienated \$12,500 worth of the affections of Patrick John ("Old Pop") Carey, apartment house superintendent, in the opinion of the jury which heard the evidence in the suit by Mrs. Elizabeth Carey against the society woman, The jury reached that verdict Friday, and yesterday the sealed ver-dict was handed to Justice Philbin, in